

**Mission Statement of Program**

The Montana Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) exists to meet the needs of its constituents: The people of Montana. We are an organization whose goal is to be open and responsive to the program applicants/participants. We will strive to make each contact with WIC a pleasant, convenient and satisfying experience.

The WIC staff is our most important asset. Each individual is an integral part of the team. WIC will ensure quality services by careful selection of staff at all levels and by constant attention to detail.

As a team we will work together to find solutions to problems and will be open to input from all staff members. We will treat each other with professional courtesy and promote cooperation. We will recognize the needs of our co-workers and serve each other in order to better serve our applicants/participants. We strive to create an atmosphere in which the individual can achieve a sense of self-satisfaction and reach his/her full potential.

WIC is dedicated to the delivery of quality nutrition education and counseling, intervention, referral and follow-up on identified risks and to improve eating behaviors and reduce or eliminate nutrition problems.

WIC affords access to preventive health programs and referral and follow-up to private and public health providers. Coordination and cooperation with related health care agencies will be used to provide quality, compassionate services for our applicants/participants.

WIC provides specific selected foods to supplement diets lacking in nutrients needed during critical times of growth and development. Supplemental foods provided are tailored to the individual's needs and nutrition risks.

